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In re application of:

HARTLEY *et al.*

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For: **Recombinational Cloning Using  
Nucleic Acids Having  
Recombination Sites**

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### Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated January 25, 2001 (Paper No. 23), Applicants submit the following remarks. This Amendment and Reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: “Version with markings to show changes made.”

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),

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